

Looking for serenity? Try hoofing it

OUT & ABOUT IN UTAH COUNTY

■ **Back country:** A little horsepower can help trail riders see Mother Nature in all her glory

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UTAH COUNTY — Jim Diamond has spent the past 25 years on top of a horse. From the time the snow melts in the spring to the first snowfall of winter, he rides more than 20 miles every day through some of Hobbie Creek Canyon's most scenic back country.

He seldom sees anybody, just a few deer, elk and an occasional moose or bear. He travels some of the Wasatch Front's most beautiful country and said the serenity he experiences daily is something others should experience at least once.

"Of course when a guy's covering more than 65,000 acres he doesn't see everything. There's some places that I don't get to in a summer," he said.

The reason Diamond covers so much territory is because it's his job. His family runs about 1,200 head of cattle in the high country of Wadsworth Canyon and Dry Canyon. He makes his daily ride to drop off rock salt and to make sure the cattle are spread out.

But even though it's work to Diamond, he said few things are more peaceful than spending a day

on the back of a horse riding along a mountain trail.

Hobbie Creek Canyon is not the only place for local residents to enjoy a back-country horse ride. Loyal Clark, public information officer for the Forest Service, said Utah County residents are fortunate to have so many scenic mountain trails within an hour's drive.

The Nebo wilderness area up Payson Canyon is probably the most popular spot for local horsemen, especially in the fall when few places are more colorful. Clark said several popular trails come off the Nebo Loop and provide access to the high back country. The Nebo Bench trail and the Loater Mountain trail are two of the most traveled by horsemen.

But one of the luxuries of riding a horse is that there is no reason to stay on a trail. The most scenic country is usually the farthest from the trail.

"A horse gets a person off the trail and allows them a more scenic view of the country and gets them to places they would normally not see. A horse offers a person more solitude," Clark said.

Clark said the Lone Peak wilderness area is another popular spot for a horse ride. From American Fork Canyon, horsemen usually travel the Deer Creek trail. Dry Canyon trail is the favorite for riders coming from Alpine Canyon.

Clark said riders need to remember that the Forest Service does not allow them to keep horses in dampgrounds. However, for those wanting to enjoy a horseback ride and then stay at a campground, the Forest Service has provided a campground on the Nebo Loop designated especially for horsemen. The Blackhawk Campground has a corral and hitching posts for horsemen's convenience.

When riding during a hunting season, riders should dress in the required fluorescent orange.



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Jim Diamond starts his daily ride up Wadsworth Canyon to check his cattle.

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Prince Charles...
Eat your heart out!
Heber Valley has
polo, too!

There weren't any Rolls Royces parked around this plowed polo field in Midway, or ladies in filmy dresses and big hats, sipping champagne as they watched the game. And Prince Charles doesn't even know there is a polo club in Heber Valley, Utah. But the members of the *New Sicchar Riding Club* are having a darned good time.

Wasatch County

Utah's First Polo Club Organized

Polo, known as the rich man's sport, has come to Wasatch County from the East. But each member of the Wasatch during games, colored Indian calves, troops play

Dear Editor: I would like to comment on the Homecoming Queen Contest that takes place every year at Wasatch High. Years ago, the queen was chosen by the studentbody. The queen was someone that the studentbody wanted to rein as queen over the Homecoming activities.

When did this contest turn into a Miss Wasatch contest. This year the studentbody elected who they would like to run, but they were not to my understanding involved in picking the queen. I find it a little strange that the Homecoming Queen is chosen by judges, when in fact, the queen should be someone that the studentbody choses to rein.

The only thing I found missing from this contest was a swimsuit competition, but I guess maybe they will try that next year. In my opinion, the meaning of Homecoming Queen has been lost. It is no longer a contest to pick a queen to rein over the Homecoming activities, it is a beauty contest. If the studentbody can't have a say in who is chosen as queen, then why

The Forest Service obviously had other "fish to fry." Instead they opened two areas the loggers had commercially bid...After all, the loggers had left a mess of tree tops and branches. The Forest Service needed this area cleaned up so they opened those two areas to public cutting — after all the money is in the bank and they don't refund on wood permit sales.

When I voiced my complaint at the Heber Forest Service headquarters that the good wood was gone

Mr. Proctor said the British dis-
are the first in Utah.
would be appropriate because they
tory, in India. They thought it
the first organized polo club in his-
chosen, Silchar, was the name of
The unusual name they have
interest," he said.

They have a lot of people who don't
We can keep the expenses down.
use one or two horses for a match.
wearing out horses out and we can
It's much slower so that we're not
playing what they call logo polo.
goes by, but not much more. We're
ticated than what we have, as time
something a little bit more sophis-
"Perhaps we'll build up to
money," Mr. Proctor said.

though they're spending more
more fun than we're having, even
I don't think anyone's having

I came to two stark realizations
the other day — first, fall is just
around the corner, with winter close
on its heels, and second, I'm not
ready to give up summer!

I'm not sure where the summer
vanished to, but even as I am
writing this column, it is silently
slipping away and there are already
several tell-tale signs of the
impending colder seasons showing
themselves — it is no longer light
when my alarm clock goes off in
the morning; a jacket feels great in
the evening; the thermostat has
been kicked up; there is an
abundance of campaign posters and
my husband's chin is covered with
whiskers! Plainly speaking, there's
frost on the pumpkin!

There are no rules governing the
breed of horse the players can ride.
But they must be trained not to be
shy of a mallets swinging past their
heads, and to handle the close ma-
nevers and bumping that happens

They also play on a scaled down
members play on western saddles.
saddles. However, some of the Club
high stirrups of the English polo
boots to protect the legs from the
men, like helmets and knee-high
vestment is for the safety equip-
he or she owns. The only other in-
game on whatever horse and saddle
Stichar Polo Club, is learning the

started my spring cleaning!
I'm just plain not ready. I have
planned on getting some serious
camping done this summer.
haven't even pulled out the sleepin
bags. I was going to get in shape
by riding my bicycle, which is still
hanging in the rafters out in the
garage. There were several odds and
ends around the house that I was
planning to get done before the
weather turned cool, and most of
them are still undone.

Every year I sing the same sa-
song — "Where has all the summer
gone? Long time passing!" It
happens every year about this time.
The weather changes, the leaves
change, the temperature changes
and each year it seems earlier than
the last, but it isn't. This year it

the rich.
That's what makes it the game of
wind, conditioning and endurance.
thoroughbreds because of their
a game. They also use
saddles and lack, to trade off during
to eight horses, each with its own
over nine acres. A player needs four
length of a football field, a little
the field is triple the width and
the high level of polo competition,
Mr. Proctor explained that on
heard of anyone getting out of it."

He said polo is so much fun that
States Polo Association.
to be sanctioned by the United
Stichar Polo Club, the first in Utah
Proctor, who organized the New
but we play anyway," said Mike
"They say it's a rich man's sport,
order to participate.
County, but wealth isn't required in



Wagon trains rolled through Wasatch County this weekend as members of Vision Quest continued their trek through Utah. Vision Quest is an organization that allows youths from disadvantaged backgrounds to gain self confidence by participating in a wagon trek. The wagon train spent the weekend camped at the Wasatch County fair grounds.

Help For Parents Seminar

"How To Be a Better Parent," is the subject of a free lecture presented by Wasatch County Hospital on Thursday, Sept. 29, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the hospital cafeteria.

Well known author and child psychologist, Dr. Anthony LaPray, will help parents discover positive discipline methods that will improve a child's behavior without damaging his self-esteem.

All parents in Wasatch and Summit Counties are invited to attend — free babysitting will be provided.

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A BABY**

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Heber City Banker Named County Hospital Board



Dean C. Edwards

The Governing Board of Inter-mountain Health Care's Wasatch County Hospital recently an-

nounced the appointment to that board of Dean C. Edwards, Heber City, who is Assistant Vice President and Manager of the Heber City Branch of First Security Bank.

Wayne Terry, IHC Wasatch County Hospital Administrator, said he was pleased that Edwards chose to accept the invitation to serve on the hospital's Governing Board.

"This is a position that is all volunteer and involves a commitment of some time," Terry said. "We're very honored that Dean would chose to join with us in helping maintain the quality of service the residents of the Heber Valley and surrounding areas are used to in terms of the health care they are offered."

Edwards, who graduated from Bear River High School in Tremonton, said that on moving to Heber City two years ago one of the first things that impressed him